



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, March 13, 2008

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Butzel Family Community Center, 7737 Kercheval, Detroit, Michigan 48214.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley

Mohamed Okdie (**ABS**)
Willie Hampton
Ronald L. Griffin

Cmdr. Troy Quinn
Cmdr. Linda Vertin-Peltier
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Donald Johnson

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Robert Dunlap
DC Leo Powers
DC Joyce Motley
DC Jamie Fields
DC Daniel O'Neill
DC Chester Logan
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson
DC Shereece Fleming-Freeman
DC William Hudson
DC Marshall Lyons
2nd DC James Tate
2nd DC John Clark
Cmdr. Dwayne Love
Cmdr. Paul Welles
Cmdr. James White
Cmdr. Jan Johnson
Cmdr. Jeffrey Romeo
Cmdr. Frank Lewis
Lt. Derrick Hassan
Lt. Debbie Abdur-Rasheed
Sgt. Charles Spruce

Sgt. Diane Benners
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Darius Alvin
PO Lee Brown

PO Eric Hill
PO Lonnie Wade
PO Denise Walker

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator
Leslie Griffin, Community Relations Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Don Johnson
Mayce Ways
Dee Roberts
Reuben Roberts
Carteair Jones
Jamie Peoples
Kellen Willis
Antionio Beard
Yolanda Joiner
Doug Anderson
Yolanda McCants
Dwight Royal
Glenda Lewis

Carmen Russell
Theola Hunter
Ron Scott
LaWanda Hails
Quano Jones
Charles Clark
Michael Harris
Bishop John Sheard
Fred McCants
Gail Griffin
James Warfield
Marlon Falcone
Ron Griffin & Family

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. OATH

Chairperson Ramirez swore in Rev. Ronald L. Griffin as a Commissioner.

Comm. Holley welcomed Comm. Griffin to the Board and introduced Bishop Sheard.

Bishop J. Sheard acknowledged everyone and stated that Superintendent Griffin will be an asset to this Board.

Chairperson Holley read the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners.

Chairperson Ramirez thanked Cecelia Walker and the Butzel Center for hosting the community meeting.

C. Walker welcomed everyone to the Butzel Family Community Center. She also gave a brief overview of the center.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, March 13, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, March 6, 2008**

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

5. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,322 active investigations, of which 151 of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 02/14/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	COMMUNICATION		1								1
1	EASTERN		1								1
1	NARCOTICS						1				1
2	NORTHEASTERN		2	1			2				5
4	NORTHWESTERN		1				2			2	5
1	SOUTHWESTERN						1				1
2	TACTICAL SERVICES		2							1	3
2	TRAFFIC		2				2				4
9	Unknown Command		4	3	1		2			2	12
5	WESTERN	1	3		1		1	1		1	8
28		1	16	4	2		11	1		6	41

6. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, March 20, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien Room 328-A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of March 3, 2008 through March 9, 2008, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 39 search warrants and 21 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 51 Felony arrests
- 98 Misdemeanor arrests
- 3 Juveniles

Confiscated:

- 111.60 grams of cocaine, 262.5 grams of heroin, and 5,011.10 grams of marijuana and 1,707 pills, with a total street value of \$554,254.40.
- **\$ 14,152.00** in U.S. Currency
- 15 Handguns

Special Recognition

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)

hosted a Lifesaver Award Luncheon on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at Burton Manor, located at 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Michigan, in honor of officers who have assisted in making the roadways safer by removing and arresting drunken drivers in our communities. *Congratulations* goes out to Sergeant Dave Jemison (Southwestern District), Police Officers Darrell Osborne and Ronald Lach (Central District), Paul Warner (Western District), and Samuel Serra (Traffic Motor) for assisting in MADD's mission to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking. These officers were recipients of a Lifesaver Award.

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Engaging the Community

ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Domestic Violence	2	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
Western District	2	7737 Kercheval	7 a.m. to 3 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	935-5322
		13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
Northwestern District	2	2000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Police / Community Intervention

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Eastern District

On March 3rd, two subjects forced entry into a residence in the 19000 block of Rowe. Officers of the Eastern District, who were dispatched to the location, observed two juveniles exiting the front door and another juvenile exiting a bathroom window. The three juveniles were quickly detained and transported to the Eastern District. *The investigation conducted by Eastern District Youth Bureau officers revealed the juveniles were responsible for several other Home Invasions. The juveniles were placed into the custody of Wayne County Youth Home awaiting adjudication.*

Domestic Violence

On March 4th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 15000 block of Fordham on a "Person with a Weapon" which resulted in an arrest and the recovery of a weapon. *Further investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence resulted in the subject being charged with (1) count of Felonious Assault, Reckless Use of a Firearm, and Domestic Violence.*

Western District

On March 6th, officers responded to the 800 block of Covington on an "Armed Robbery/ Shots Fired." As a result of receiving a physical description of the wanted subjects, the officers were able to apprehend and arrest the subjects. *One subject was charged with "Armed with Intent Robbery Armed," and "Felony Firearm." The other subject, who is a juvenile, was placed in the Wayne County Youth Home for "Robbery Armed."*

Northeastern District

On March 3rd, officers of the Northeastern District were dispatched to the 8000 block of East Jefferson on a "Robbery Armed/ Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile" with a small child inside. After driving a short distance, the subjects stopped the vehicle, removed the child, and continued their escape. Due to the officers' quick response, the vehicle was located and the subjects were arrested. Two juveniles, who were involved, were released to the custody of the Wayne County Youth Home. *The other subject was subsequently, charged with (1) count of Carjacking, Armed Robbery, Unlawful Imprisonment, and (3) counts of Felonious Assault and Felony Firearm.*



Northwestern District

On March 3rd, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 16000 block of Whitcomb on a "Breaking & Entering in Progress." The officers were given a detailed description of the subjects by the home owner. *Following up on the leads, given by the home owner and neighbors, resulted in the arrest of the subject. The subject was charged with "Home Invasion 1st Degree."*

Chief Bully-Cummings introduced members of the department, and introduced DC Chester Logan of the Northeastern District.

DC Logan introduced his staff and gave an overview of the Northeastern District and its current endeavors, which included information on breaking and entering, various task forces, copper theft, blight, and a community-centered blitz.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

Comm. Holley asked DC Logan to explain the traffic blitz.

DC Logan stated the department stops people for improper plates and moving violations.

Comm. Holley asked if someone is stopped for running a red light does the department have permission to search the vehicle.

DC Logan stated in that particular case they can only issue a ticket, but if that person doesn't have a license then you can search the car.

Comm. Holley asked is there any data as a result of the blitzes that show how many guns were confiscated.

DC Logan stated yes.

Comm. Ramirez asked when you stop the vehicles do you notice that they have a CCW.

DC Logan stated 90-95% of the stops that produce guns show that they don't have CCWs (Concealed Weapon permits).

Comm. Holley stated if guns are the problem and the blitzes are productive, then why don't you do more blitzes to continue taking guns off of the streets and cut down on homicides.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she did a presentation yesterday for City Council. In that presentation she stated there were 200 fewer non-fatal shootings in the city. That was a result of the department analyzing the data from previous crimes. The traffic blitzes are really done from an educational standpoint. They really want the citizens to comply with the traffic laws. The focus when doing these blitzes is not to remove weapons off the street.

Comm. Holley stated if guns are the problem and there is a legal way to get them off the streets, why not maximize the blitzes.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the key is how the department legally does it without violating the person's rights during a traffic stop. The confiscation of the guns is a by-product of the traffic stop.

Comm. Griffin asked is there any data being kept on the by-products.

DC Logan stated yes they do.

Chairperson Ramirez stated it would be interesting to know what types of guns are out there.

DC Logan stated the weapon of choice is the 9mm, but they find all kinds of guns.

Comm. Hampton asked when doing a traffic stop, if an individual is doing a lot of moving, would that warrant a search of the vehicle.

DC Logan stated it depends on the circumstances, and it is a judgment call on the officer.

Comm. Holley asked to know if the copper taken from his house could have made its way to China.

DC Logan stated yes, and could end up back in your house.

Comm. Holley asked if he or anyone can explain how that process takes place.

Lt. Hanson stated that China is the biggest consumer of copper. They took in about 400 metric tons. He can't say that the copper from Comm. Holley's house ended up in China, but a lot of the copper does.

Comm. Holley can you explain the trail.

Lt. Hanson stated it is taken to a scrap yard, then it goes to a middle man, from there to the east coast, and then to Asia.

Comm. Holley asked what other things the scrap yard does.

Lt. Hanson stated they buy all types of metals, and some of it is legal and some isn't.

Comm. Holley asked what the penalty is when a scrap yard gets caught with illegal cooper.

Lt. Hanson stated there are two state statues on the books, for knowing that copper is stolen it is a felony under the state statue, and if you are convicted, you will loose your business license for 1 year.

Comm. Holley stated and there will be no jail time.

Lt. Hanson stated he would like to defer that to the Prosecutor's office, but probably not.

Comm. Holley stated that person will probably open another shop in another name.

Lt. Hanson stated that's correct, and it is a national problem. From the State level, the Detroit Police Department has been the reason for the ordinances being on the books.

Comm. Holley stated the department can do their job, but if the judicial system isn't doing theirs then it's a problem, which means that someone is cooperating with this on a higher level.

Lt. Hanson stated when copper is brought in to the scrap yard the person has to sign a declaration stating that it is not stolen.

Comm. Holley asked if they could have a presentation on the process of copper theft.

Chairperson Ramirez stated yes.

DC Logan stated that he could prepare a report on the blitzes that have taken place.

Chairperson Ramirez stated there have been several complaints by citizens who have stated some officers go beyond the scope of the law during a traffic violation, so the officers need to be very careful when making these stops.

Comm. Holley stated he wished the department had the money to do 4-5 blitzes a month.

DC Logan stated he gets a chance to review all of the Citizen Compliant Reports (CCR's) that occur in his District and it lets him know what the officers are doing.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that is great, and asked if all the Deputy Chiefs do this.

DC Logan stated he is certain that they all do, but he can't speak for them.

Chairperson Ramirez asked Ms. Peake, President of the Northeastern Community Relations Council, if she would like to speak.

V. Peake stated it has been a pleasure working with the Northeastern District. Between the hours of 2:00 am and 5:00 am the criminals are taking scrap and other materials from vacant houses. Many of the foreclosure victims are burning down their houses so they will not have to pay their debt to the banks. She stated they would like to get more CB Radio Patrols in the District.

Chairperson Ramirez asked her if they have been working with the Community Relations' Officers.

V. Peake stated yes.

DC Logan stated the last thing he would like to share is his district locked up 14 people last month and all but one was released, because the correctional facilities are overcrowded.

Chairperson Ramirez stated everyone must continue to work together to help solve these issues.

Chief Bully-Cummings introduced Cmdr. Romeo of the Civil Rights Department.

Cmdr. Romeo gave an overview of the Consent Decree.

(SEE ATTACHMENT)

Comm. Hampton asked in regards to conditions of confinement, how would you rate this year to last year.

Cmdr. Romeo stated his office has to perform random video watching.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how often this is done.

Cmdr. Romeo stated once a month for each of the districts.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how often the person who is in charge of the cell blocks reviews them.

Cmdr. Romeo stated they are required to use them if there is a prisoner who has complained about the use of force.

Comm. Hampton asked how far can you go back to review a video.

Cmdr. Romeo stated they are archived for 90 days.

Comm. Holley stated, hypothetically, if a person mishandles a prisoner on camera, then the prisoner is mishandled again, what could have gone wrong.

Cmdr. Romeo stated if a supervisor is back there, it should have been reported the first time, and a form should have been filled put. The camera is not monitored on a daily basis as it has too much footage. That prisoner should have reported it to the supervisor.

Comm. Holley stated a compliant that is generated would cause you to look at the tapes earlier.

Cmdr. Romeo stated yes.

Comm. Holley stated in regards to the consent decree, can he point out what the department has to do to come into compliance.

Cmdr. Romeo stated the department must continue to improve in the completion of holding cell forms, use of force reports, supervisor investigative reports, food service, fire safety, and to do more video reviews.

Comm. Hampton asked is food service handled by civilians or the department.

Cmdr. Romeo stated the department serves the food but it is prepared by a vendor.

Chairperson Ramirez stated to Comm. Griffin that the department is currently updating the Management Awareness System (IMAS) that will be used as an early warning system for the officer. That system will keep track of the number of complaints an officer receives as well as the positive awards that he or she may get.

Cmdr. Romeo stated that's correct.

Chairperson Ramirez stated the department and the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) will be able to enter complaints into the IMAS system.

Cmdr. Romeo stated that's correct, and OCI has been very helpful.

Comm. Griffin asked is there any data that shows how many hours are being used in regards to the consent decree.

Cmdr. Romeo stated they haven't kept track up to this point, but it is something they should look at.

Comm. Griffin asked is there anyone here who can speak to that.

DC Fields stated recently, the Chief has asked them to keep track on how many hours they spend on document requests. He indicated there is a form they use for tracking.

Comm. Holley asked how many people are involved in this process.

Cmdr. Romeo stated the whole department at some point.

Comm. Holley stated he doesn't see how they have time to do police work, because the consent decree takes up a lot of the officers' time. He stated with the money that is being spent, the department has to find a way to get the DOJ (Department of Justice) out of their lives.

Cmdr. Romeo stated once the training falls into place it will be much better.

Chairperson Ramirez stated there's a reason that the DOJ (Department of Justice) is here, because there needed to be some changes within the department.

Comm. Holley stated not for 20 years at \$2 million a year.

Chairperson Ramirez stated whatever it takes to make it better. She stated the training is the key to all of this.

Cmdr. Romeo stated right now is a good time for the training because of the new hires.

Chairperson Ramirez asked how it is being implemented in the police academy.

Cmdr. Romeo stated all of the new recruits will be trained on this.

Chairperson Ramirez asked will they be trained on the history of the consent decree.

Cmdr. Romeo stated it is not in the training manual, but they will receive it in some form.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated they will be trained on the department policies. If you read the consent decree and then read the policies, it looks totally different. The auditing piece will be forever in the police department. It is critical that they bring the department into compliance. There are a lot of things that the department can spend \$2 million on.

Chairperson Ramirez asked if anyone would like to speak on the consent decree.

R. Scott stated that the consent decree came as a result of some use of force issues, and some are still here today. All new members need to know the history behind the consent decree. If you don't know the history, it will be repeated. He would like to volunteer his time to help train the new recruits.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that is why she has extended an invitation to Mr. Scott to come and talk to the new recruits.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANT REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE GRANT ALLOCATION FROM THE MICHIGAN ROUNDTABLE FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION FOR THE SOUTHWEST DETROIT WEED AND SEED COMMUNITY PROGRAM

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs awarded the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion a total of \$175,000.00 from its Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program. The Weed and Seed Communities Competitive Program aims to prevent, control, and reduce violent crime, criminal drug-related activity, and gang activity. The Weed and Seed strategy is a community-based, comprehensive multi-agency approach. The grant will address crime and social-related problems through the deployment of police resources on an overtime basis.

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion has allocated **\$43,687.00** of its funding to the Southwestern District, **with no cash match**. The allocation is considered supplemental funding to increase patrol in the Southwestern District. If approval is granted to accept this funding, Deputy Chief Claudia Barden-Jackson of the Southwestern District, would serve as the project director. The appropriation number for this grant is 12635.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting the acceptance of these funds.

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Grant.

SECOND: **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

2. RESOLUTIONS

- WHEREAS** Shirley A. Joyner was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on July 11, 1974, and was a member of the Department's first graduating class of female patrol officers. The class consisted of 28 members, 14 women and 14 men; and
- WHEREAS** Notably, upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Joyner was the first female officer within the Department to serve on midnight patrol. Officer Joyner's other assignments included the Chief's Staff and the Police Athletic League (PAL). In August 1978, Officer Joyner began what would be a remarkable and longtime career at the Seventh Precinct (now known as the Northeastern District), where she exhibited tremendous professionalism and dedication to her job and the community; and
- WHEREAS** Officer Joyner was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on January 22, 1999, and continued with the Seventh Precinct where she served the citizens of Detroit as the Community Relations Sergeant until her retirement on January 17, 2008, after over 33 years of exemplary service; and
- WHEREAS** Sergeant Joyner was a celebrated, having been the recipient of a host of awards and commendations, including (3) Chief Merit Awards, (2) Chief Unit Awards, (2) Meritorious Service Awards, a GOP Commemorative Award, the Detroit Chamber of Commerce Police-Community Service Award, several Perfect Attendance Awards, and the Senate Concurrent Resolution #155; and
- WHEREAS** Sergeant Joyner also received a Lifetime Achievement Award (Police Athletic League), several Old Newsboys Appreciation Plaques for Coordinator and Salesperson, a Resolution from former Detroit City Clerk Jackie Currie, as well as a Resolution from Wayne County Commissioner Chairperson Jewel Ware. Additionally, Sergeant Joyner received the Peace Dove Award from West Side Unity Church and a Community Service Award from St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church; and
- WHEREAS** Sergeant Joyner received a prestigious Letter of Acknowledgement from former United States President William J. Clinton for 25 years of faithful and dutiful service, as well as numerous letters of accolades and thanks from citizens, community groups, businesses and churches; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Joyner was a pioneer and role model, who set the standard for women on the police force. She displayed a true spirit of leadership and continually strived to revitalize the people she served. Sergeant Joyner was held in high esteem by the citizens of Detroit and neighboring communities, and is widely respected throughout the law enforcement community as a consummate professional. She is also the last female member of the infamous "1974" graduating class to retire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of Sergeant Shirley Joyner's trailblazing experiences and contributions. Her integrity, lifetime commitment and dedication to public safety and community service to the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department merit our highest regards and best wishes for continued success. Sergeant Joyner will always be one of "Detroit's Finest." May she have a long and fruitful retirement.

We salute and congratulate you, Sergeant Shirley A. Joyner.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Ronald L. Griffin
Commissioner

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
March 13, 2008**

/s/ Willie Hampton
Commissioner

MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

WHEREAS Mr. Donald Johnson, Sr. is a lifelong resident of the City of Detroit, where he and his wife Vanessa have been married for 35 years and have raised four children; and

WHEREAS Mr. Johnson began serving his community in 1987 as a founding member of "Children of Joy," an outreach program initiated to bridge community gaps and respond to gun violence issues involving children. The "Children of Joy" outreach program provided after school programs that included reading and book club networks, writing skills courses, hygiene lessons and ethics. The program also offered a professionally facilitated program entitled "How to Prepare for the World of Work". In 1997, Mr. Johnson joined Business United with Officers and Youth (B.U.O.Y) # 11 and has remained a Board member since that time; and

WHEREAS Mr. Johnson remains actively committed with several mentoring and tutorial programs under the umbrella of the Greater New Hope Baptist Church, where he has been a member for 38 years; and

WHEREAS Mr. Johnson Sr. has over 21 years of experience as a Master Electrician and serves as the Corresponding Secretary for the Associated Electricians of Michigan, an organization involved with steering young people toward skilled trades professions. Additionally, Mr. Johnson has faithfully volunteered his time on city projects such as The Motor City Make Over, Angel's Night, and The Northeastern District's Haunted House; and

WHEREAS Mr. Johnson has proven to be dedicated not only to the citizens of the Northeastern District, but to youth and the entire City of Detroit. His selfless efforts and giving spirit has embraced the hearts of many. Equally, his devotion to revitalization and youth development has set core standards for community outreach and volunteerism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the enthusiasm, dedication and generosity of Mr. Don Johnson, Sr. His exemplary and willing service in improving the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the City of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. Don Johnson, Sr.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Ronald L. Griffin
Commissioner

/s/ Jim Holley
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie Commissioner	ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS March 13, 2008	/s/ Willie Hampton Commissioner
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MOTION: Comm. Holley made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: Comm. Hampton seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chief Bully-Cummings presented Mr. Johnson with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

DC Logan presented Mr. Johnson with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of the Detroit City Council.

D. Johnson thanked everyone for recognizing him with these awards.

9. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 20, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

11. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

C. Hampton welcomed Comm. Griffin to the Board and stated that he will bring a world of knowledge.

S. Hines stated because it is National Women's Month she would like to thank Chairperson Ramirez and the Chief of Police for all the wonderful things that they have accomplished and for being great role models.

G. Royal stated he is here on behalf of his nephew Jovon Royal who was killed July of 2007, and would like for someone to call him back regarding the investigation and what is being done to those officers who caused his death.

Chairperson Ramirez asked Mr. Royal if he received any information on his case.

G. Royal stated yes.

Chairperson Ramirez asked have you contacted the investigator.

G. Royal stated yes, he has been leaving his name and number, but hasn't received any returned calls.

Comm. Holley stated someone will talk to you after the meeting.

Dir. Ducker stated that the police department is hiring and for those who are interested to complete interest cards which are located on the back table.

T. Hunter stated she is here for the support of Comm. Griffin, and acknowledged all the members of the Board.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb